

St. Anne's Episcopal Church  
Middletown, Delaware

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ST ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Middletown, New Castle County, Delaware  
(One Mile South)

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Owner: Rector, Wardens and Vestry St Anne's Episcopal Church.

Date of Erection: 1705- present church 1768, Scharf, J. Thomas, "History of Delaware."

Present Condition: Very Good.

Number of Stories: One and galleries.

Materials of Construction: Brick walls, shingled roof, pitched with gables, cornice carried across gable end and on the slants of gables, horizontal stretch, covered with three rows of shingles.

Other Existing Records: Scharf, J. Thomas, History of Delaware, p 1020, also Bennett, George Fletcher, Early Architecture of Delaware.

Additional Data: This church deserves more detailed study than has been given it, on account of its intensive interest and also because of its architectural elements in several ways suggest an earlier date than the one given above, also study not only of the architecture in its details, but historical facts, in connection with it.

The entrance porch is obviously modern. Note particularly the covered cornice which is associated with an earlier generation, and may have been reminiscent of the earlier structure

Scharf says: "The church was built in the following year ( i. e., one year after, 1st of 9th m. 1704 or 1705) on a mound due east of the present edifice----- The present edifice was erected in 1768. To this church Queen Anne presented a covering for the communion table, etc."

If this is correct as to dates and locality of the earlier church it might have been taken from the early style.

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An addendum to  
St. Anne's Episcopal Church  
Middletown Vicinity, Delaware  
in HABS Catalog (1941)

Location: West side of Route 896, one mile south of town,  
Middletown Vicinity, New Castle County, Delaware.

Brief Statement This small building is a carefully restored example  
of Significance: of a 1768 brick church.

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Old St. Anne's Church, Middletown, one of the most esteemed church buildings in Delaware, was built in 1768, on the site of a much earlier wooden church. The first wooden church was built about 1705.

In 1847 the Church was "Victorianised" conformably to the taste of the day and the current disregard for time-honored ecclesiastical precedent. In 1872 a new church was built in the town and, after that, the old church was used only for occasional services.

In 1952 began the work of restoration and, since then, both within and outside, the fabric of St. Anne's has been conscientiously and completely restored to its pristine condition. The pulpit and the clerk's reading-desk are on the north side of the church, directly opposite the south door, which is the main entrance. The galleries are at the west end and on the south side.

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